

CTTAB
December 11, 2007 Minutes
Concord Condominium Meeting Room
2929 First Avenue

<p>Present Leah Altaras Bill Baron Charles Brennick Michael Davidson Richard Huff Tom Kee Jerry Lin Nina Sanders Matt Towers</p> <p>Excused Todd Achilles Peg Achterman Jessica Bukowski Fran Clifton Oren Sreebny Shivani Tejuja</p>	<p>Visitors Nancy Gohring Andrea Lee John Neuharth</p> <p>Staff David Keyes Jill Novik</p>
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1. Announcements; Agenda Approval; Review of September, 2007 Minutes; Report from the Chair:

The November, 2007 minutes and December agenda were approved as written. New board members were introduced and welcomed.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. CTO Report – Bill Schrier

No report.

4. Committee Reports

Richard Huff played two taped samples using equipment for potential use in podcasting or other transmission method. It was generally agreed that the sound quality was not adequate for transmission and that capturing the audio is the problem. CTTAB appointee, Nancy Gohring, discussed the tape recorder she uses for interviews and she will work with Richard et al on this.

5. Cable Office: Jill Novik

Jill noted that the Mayor had given approval to proceed with a Request for Proposals for a public private partnership for fiber to the home. She also discussed some of the work on the digital transition, which committee members have commented on. Jill also expressed her thanks to the CTTAB members whose terms were ending and who contributed so much to CTTAB: Todd Achilles, Bill Baron, Nina Sanders, Shivani Tejuja, and Charles Brennick.

6. Community Technology – David Keyes

See attached.

7. Board Business

None

8. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Community Technology Report * December, 2007

First state Community Technology Day

On November 30 Washington State joined Ohio, Illinois and California in holding state Community Technology Days. The goal was to start encouraging more support for quality, sustainable programs for digital inclusion. Providers from around the state, the UW and Gates Foundation testified at the request of the Washington State Senate Economic Development, Trade and Management Committee and the Water, Energy and Telecommunications Committee. Communities Connect Network (CCN) sponsored the event with training the day before on testifying and on media relations. CCN will be providing options for digital inclusion legislation, based on models elsewhere and needs here.

100,000 community technology users in Washington State

New research from the University of Washington Information School and Communities Connect Network shows that there are over a million community technology center visits in Washington State per year and almost 100,000 unique visitors, and this is a very conservative calculation. The research found significant individual, family and community impacts. These include increased academic performance, greater employability and income, sense of hope and confidence, and increased ability for parents to help children with homework. City of Seattle Technology Matching Fund grantees were among those included in the research.

A summary of initial findings and more about CT Days are available on the CCN wiki site

<http://communitiesconnect.wikispaces.com/CT+Days+in+Olympia>; an additional full report on the research will be published later.

SouthParkCommunity uses electronic polling to set action priorities Using the Sharp Decisions electronic polling tool, English, Vietnamese and Spanish speaking residents of South Park all had equal weight in setting community priorities. David worked with the City Auditor*s office and members of the South Park Action Agenda team to use the polling tool at a community meeting November 15th. Community members voted on which projects were priorities for the coming year and could immediately see the group*s preferences. Questions were presented in English and Spanish with translators helping with Vietnamese and Spanish.

Technology Matching Fund (TMF)

WashingtonCASH (Community Alliance for Self-help) completed their 2006 Technology Matching Fund Grant. With our funds, they provided advanced computer workshops and one-on-one technical assistance to low income entrepreneurs seeking to become self sufficient through self employment.

Over the course of the grant, they trained 298 low income adults, mostly women (81%) on topics such as Intro to Computers and Email, Bookkeeping with Microsoft Money, Business Plan Development, Hands on Financials, E Marketing and Building E-commerce Websites. The grant also helped build the organizational capacity of Washington Cash. "We will use the knowledge and curriculum we have created for a long time to come, and many of our client entrepreneurs will benefit from it" said Jorji Knickerehm.

Community Outreach

Vicky and Delia attended a DON Ideas Fair on 12/1 at Seattle Central Community College. They met with community organizations and individuals to build awareness of Community Technology programs and services, such as the TMF, Cable Modems, and Brainstorm.

Puget SoundOff (Youth Civic Engagement)

One Economy has received a grant for \$30,000 from the Medina Foundation, which they are applying to the Puget Sound Off project. For simplicity, the Metrocenter YMCA will be the agent for these funds; they will be applied to youth council stipends, marketing and youth content production. The new alpha site is scheduled to start testing Feb.15, beta on March 15, and launch April 15.

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WiFi Stats: The revised stats are now posted at www.seattle.gov/pan/statswifi.htm. We're now displaying a comparison with last year's usage. The number of users has gone up almost a third since last year with 19,000 users so through November 30th vs. 14,400 for all of last year. (users are defined by distinct MAC addresses) .

The December Brainstorm is at www.seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm

The Queen Anne Neighborhood Service Center moved across Roy Street, along with the public Internet terminal.

A meeting with Broadstripe to plan implementation of the 50 allocated sites was postponed due to the storm.